



# Public Notice

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of Engineers

Sacramento District  
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Comments Due: June 15, 2007

**SUBJECT:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District, (Corps) is evaluating a permit application to construct the Gladding Parkway Project Placer County project, which would result in impacts to approximately 1.173 acres of waters of the United States, including wetlands, in or adjacent to the Markham Ravine. This notice is to inform interested parties of the proposed activity and to solicit comments. This notice may also be viewed at the Corps web site at <http://www.spk.usace.army.mil/regulatory.html>.

**AUTHORITY:** This application is being evaluated under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 for structures or work in or affecting navigable waters of the United States and/or Section 404 of the Clean Water Act for the discharge of dredged or fill material in waters of the United States.

**APPLICANT:** Rod Cambell  
City of Lincoln  
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**LOCATION:** The project site is located in Lincoln in Section 10, Township 12 North, Range 6 East, Placer County, California, and can be seen on the Lincoln, California USGS Topographic Quadrangle.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The applicant is proposing to construct an alternate route around the eastern portion of downtown Lincoln. Based on the available information, the overall project purpose is to relieve areas of congestion within the City. The applicant believes there is a need to accommodate increasing traffic as the City expands. The attached drawings provide additional project details.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

**Environmental Setting.** There are approximately 35.797 acres of wetlands and other waters within the project area. The site is characterized by 0.474 acres of vernal pools, 2.397 acres of seasonal wetlands, 3.381 acres of seasonal wetland swales, 0.059 acres of drainages, and 29.486 acres of Markham Ravine mapped in, and adjacent to the project area. Wetland delineations were prepared for the City of Lincoln by EIP Associates and Northfork Associates and were verified by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The Project area is dominated by disturbed annual grassland, dominated by perennial rye (*Lolium perenne*), soft chess (*Bromus hordeaceus*), wild oats (*Avena* sp.), medusahead grass (*Taeniatherum caput-medusae*), ripgut brom (*Bromus diandrus*), Mediterranean barley (*Hordeum marinum*), and yellow-star thistle (*Centaurea solstitialis*).

The riparian scrub habitat in Markham Ravine supports willow (*Salix* sp.), cottonwoods (*Populus fremontii*), Himalaya blackberry (*Rubus discolor*), and tules (*Scirpus* sp.). The wetland areas support hydrophytic plant species such as common rush (*Juncus effuses*), Bermuda grass (*Cynodon dactylon*), iris leaf juncus (*Juncus xiphioides*), Vasey's coyote thistle (*Eryngium vaseyz*), annual hairgrass (*Deschampsia danthoniodes*), and rabbitsfoot grass (*Polypogon monspeliensis*). The Ravine includes small backwater flood areas, which fill during high-water conditions.

**Alternatives.** The applicant has not provided information concerning project alternatives. Additional information concerning project alternatives may be available from the applicant or their agent. Other alternatives may develop during the review process for this permit application. All reasonable project alternatives, in particular those which may be less damaging to the aquatic environment, will be considered.

**Mitigation.** The Corps requires that applicants consider and use all reasonable and practical measures to avoid and minimize impacts to aquatic resources. If the applicant is unable to avoid or minimize all impacts, the Corps may require compensatory mitigation. The applicant has proposed to mitigate for project impacts by the use of mitigation banks or off-site creation and preservation of wetlands and other waters, due to the limitations imposed by the road alignment and the adjacent land owners.

**OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORIZATIONS:** Water quality certification or a waiver, as required under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act from the RWQCB is required for this project. The applicant has indicated they have not applied for certification.

**HISTORIC PROPERTIES:** Based on the available information, cultural resources are not within the project's area of potential effect.

**ENDANGERED SPECIES:** The proposed activity may affect Federally-listed endangered or threatened species or their critical habitat. The Corps will initiate consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or the National Marine Fisheries Service, pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, as appropriate.

**ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT:** The proposed project will not adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) as defined in the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

The above determinations are based on information provided by the applicant and our preliminary review.

**EVALUATION FACTORS:** The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts, of the described activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and

utilization of important resources. The benefit, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the described activity, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the described activity will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, consideration of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. The activity's impact on the public interest will include application of the Section 404(b)(1) guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency (40 CFR Part 230).

The Corps is soliciting comments from the public, Federal, State, and local agencies and officials, Indian tribes, and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps to determine whether to issue, modify, condition, or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

**SUBMITTING COMMENTS:** Written comments, referencing Public Notice 200500048, must be submitted to the office listed below on or before June 15, 2007:

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The Corps is particularly interested in receiving comments related to the proposal's probable impacts on the affected aquatic environment and the secondary and cumulative effects. Anyone may request, in writing, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests shall specifically state, with particularity, the reason(s) for holding a public hearing. If the Corps determines that the information received in response to this notice is inadequate for thorough evaluation, a public hearing may be warranted. If a public hearing is warranted, interested parties will be notified of the time, date, and location. Please note that all comment letters received are subject to release to the public through the Freedom of Information Act. If you have questions or need additional information please contact the applicant or the Corps' project manager Matt Rabbe, 916-557-5284, [Matt.R.Rabbe@usace.army.mil](mailto:Matt.R.Rabbe@usace.army.mil).

Attachments: 4 drawings